

Spring Branch Academic Institute



September 24, 2018

Issue 6



SAVE THE DATES

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| VOE/SBAI Individual Fall Pictures | 09/26/18 |
| Donuts w/Directors 8:30-9:30 am – SFMS Library | 10/04/18 |
| VOE Auction – Dinner & Auction 7:00 pm – Royal Sonesta | 11/02/18 |
| Donuts w/Directors 7:30-8:30 am – VOE Science Lab | 11/15/18 |
| Patriotic Sing Along | 11/9/18 |
| Thanksgiving Holiday | 11/19 – 11/23/18 |
| SBEF UnGala Casino Night (see attached information) | 11/30/18 |
| PTA General Meeting – 2 nd Grade Performance | 12/18/18 |
| Talent Show/Holiday Sing A Long Grades 3-5 8:00 am Grades PreK-2 9:00 am | 12/21/18 |

SBAI Elementary Emails

| | |
|--|-----------|
| lynne.barry@springbranchisd.com | Director |
| james.lefeber@springbranchisd.com | Asst. Dir |
| lynnda.butorka@springbranchisd.com | Admin. |
| sally.craddock@springbranchisd.com | Teacher |
| kristi.dina@springbranchisd.com | Teacher |
| rebecca.king@springbranchisd.com | Teacher |
| stella.kim@springbranchisd.com | Teacher |
| ashlee.wilson@springbranchisd.com | Teacher |
| kayman.mciver@springbranchisd.com | Teacher |
| julie.sirianni@springbranchisd.com | Teacher |

Upcoming Events

PLEASE NOTE – SBAI Elementary follows the Valley Oaks Elementary campus calendar for early dismissals.

1st Grade Field Trip-Children’s Museum 09/25/18

VOE/SBAI Fall Individual Pictures 09/26/18

VOE Spirit Night 4-8 pm
Baskin-Robbins

Donuts with Directors
SFMS 8:30-9:30 am 10/4/18

RIF Distribution 10/5/18

Student Holiday 10/8/18
SBISD College Night@
SWHS 6:00-8:00 pm

Early Dismissal 10/18 & 19/18
11:30 am

Canned Food Drive 10/22-26/18

A Note from the Director

Many of you know that my youngest is a Sophomore in college (Gig ‘em, Ags!). It seems like only yesterday that she was a freshman in high school...a sixth grader...starting kindergarten! This has hit home this week as I’ve been working with a team of parents to connect with universities, sharing the SBAI story and what makes our students so wonderful. I have had the opportunity to meet with representatives from Duke and Dartmouth, and MIT is on the schedule for next week. More are certainly to follow! In addition to marketing SBAI, I’ve asked what the various colleges are looking for in applicants. So far, there are many consistencies:

1. Colleges want students who take challenging courses, have strong academic achievement, and have a passion for learning.
2. Colleges want students who make an honest commitment to something that really matters to them. (One rep used the phrase “service learning” as opposed to “community service.”)

3. Colleges want students who have a meaningful impact in their schools and community.
4. Colleges want students who are resilient and have responded positively to challenges and opportunities.

As we continue to plan, both for this school year and for the future, we will use this information to guide our instruction and the opportunities we offer our children. All of the information we gather will also be shared with you. As an empty nester, I can tell you that time truly flies, and your child's college experience will be here before you know it! We are working diligently to ensure our SBAI kiddos are ready!!

Reminder!

Our next Donuts with the Directors will be **October 4th, at 8:30 a.m., at Spring Forest**. We hope to see you there!

Respect the Bubble!

Have your primary students come home this week and said, "Respect the bubble!"? We have been working on personal space in the lower grades. We discussed our front bubble, back bubble, side bubbles, and even the bubble over our heads! We were reminded that bubbles are fragile, so we need to take care not to pop them. We also discussed socially appropriate contact at school. We all agreed that we shake hands – and aren't offended if others don't want to pop their bubbles to do so. Of course, there are times when we follow the rules for tag or other events that may require contact, but again, we always do this with permission and respect. Please help us reinforce Respecting the Bubble!

Fall GT Parent Book Study

Begins September 27th

Want to connect with other GT parents and learn ways to support and develop your gifted child?

Advanced Academics is offering a SENG-model book study and support group focused on the text "**A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children**".

Click [HERE](#) to access the flyer and link to registration.

From the Advanced Academics Department:

Parent Information Meeting Thursday, October 25th

Duke TIP Program 101

Presented by Amy Ellingson - Facilitator, Advanced Academics
11am - 12pm AND 5:30 - 6:30pm

Admin Building Board Room, [955 Campbell Rd., 77024](#)

Link to the Advanced Academics Department website.

<https://www.springbranchisd.com/about/departments/academic-performance/connective-academics/advanced-academics/advancedstudies-parent-ed>

Their website provides wonderful links to other GT sites for parents/students.

In addition, a link allowing parents to sign up for the Advanced Academics Department's newsletter may be useful too.

https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001PhdQ1BjzXNTBX6q9nQVxn9muEaq_kpPt

The newsletter reminds parents about upcoming seminars, summer options for GT kids, yearlong GT programs, etc.



What:

Whether you're brand new or a veteran to the joys of parenting gifted kids (c'mon, they're pretty enjoyable, right?), you'll benefit from the guidance of Dr. Lynette Breedlove, director of the Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science and parent to two sons, as she explores the *5 Essentials of Parenting Gifted Kids*. We're excited to partner with Dr. Breedlove to offer this free event to parents as part of **G/T Awareness Week 2018**.

Why:

We know that parenting gifted kids has its ups and downs. We also know that some of you may still feel new to this gifted ed life. We encourage you to join us and learn more about what it means to love these unique kiddos. If you're interested in getting more support as a parent by starting a parent support group, let us know when you sign up. Or, take a look at our **resources for parents** and how you can become a **Parent member** of TAGT.

How:

Simply **fill out this form** to receive the link to the webinar. We hope you'll join us!

When:

September 25, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Questions?

Please contact [Lacy Compton](#) or [Justin Ables](#) with questions about this event.

REGISTRATION FORM

CURRICULUM UPDATE

★Please Note Subjects rotate weekly

Math

Kim

3rd Grade

Students will learn about unit fractions and how to place and identify fractions on a number line.

4th Grade

Students will use models to compare and order decimals. Also, students will relate decimals to fractions: Tenths and Hundredths

5th Grade

Students will work on dividing whole numbers, using objects and models to multiply decimals.

Algebra 1

Students will learn about how to evaluate multi-variable expressions, distribute, and factor.

Algebra 2

We are working on problem solving with parabolas, maxima and minima of quadratics, circles, ellipses, and hyperbolas.

Sirianni

1st Grade

We are full swing with addition and subtraction! This week we will incorporate 3 addends. Question to ponder: Does $3+4+5$ have a different answer than $3+4$ and then add 5? What if we were subtracting?

2nd Grade

We are also full swing with addition and subtraction! What words in a problem indicate addition versus subtraction? This week we will also write our FIRST math problem! Let the creativity begin.

3rd Grade

When solving math problems, sometimes you need to add and then subtract, subtract and then add, add and then add some more, or even subtract and subtract again! Does order matter?

6th/7th GT

Ratios, rates, percents, oh my! We will solving problems involving the conversion between the three. Throughout the year, students will be able to locate class updates, assignments, and other useful resources at <https://sbisd.itslearning.com/siri>

Pre-Algebra

Monday we will close out Chapter 2 (exponents) and Wednesday start a new unit. Advice for how to study for a Pre-Algebra test is provided on the webpage. Throughout the year, students will be able to locate class updates, assignments, and other useful resources at <https://sbisd.itslearning.com/siri> This **Tuesday** we will have our exam covering **Chapter 2**.

Science:

King/McIver

Primary

Primary students investigated chromatography which separates a liquid into individual components. They saw how a variety of colors make up the ink in a marker. We have also identified the different components of a mystery mixture using properties.

Intermediate

Students have been exploring the density of regular and irregular objects. They have compared mass and weight and used density to identify the buoyancy of objects. We will look at gases and if they have density next week.

